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REMARKS

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1. From 3 to 15 November, personnel entrained at the railroad station at Prenzlau included: 200 soldiers on 3 November, 80 soldiers on 6 November, 70 soldiers on 9 November and 24 soldiers on 12 November. The soldiers were trained and included many NCOs. Part of their baggage had been trucked to the railroad station. A military band played prior to each groups' departure to the station. [redacted] they were discharged home. 25X1
[redacted] the soldiers numbered about 800. On 14 November, 150 soldiers marched to the railroad station and were entrained. Because of the arms and conduct of the soldiers [redacted] they were neither leave personnel nor discharges. Personnel unloaded during the period under observation and, usually unarmed, included about 50 soldiers on 3 November, about 76 soldiers on 9 November, about 60 soldiers on 11 November and about 20 soldiers on 12 November. All the soldiers had baggage and marched to the barracks installation. [redacted] they were exchange personnel.¹ 25X1
2. At 0:15 p.m. on 7 November, about 2,600 soldiers including about 32 uniformed women, carried wreathes and marched from the barracks installations to the Soviet monument at the town park; three military bands played. They were followed by Lieutenant Colonel Starikhin (fnu) (phonetical spelling), the town commander of Prenzlau, in sedan [redacted] He returned to the installations at 2:30 p.m. [redacted] Lieutenant Colonel Didenko (phonetical spelling) (fnu) was commanding officer at the barracks installation northwest of Berliner Chaussee. He was superior to Lieutenant Colonel Kusmin (fnu). 25X1 25X1
3. On 4 November, two trucks, each carrying one heavy machine gun and two heavy mortars, and 8 x 76-mm guns were seen at the garages in the barracks installation southeast of Berliner Chaussee. JS-2 tank [redacted] was seen at the barracks installation northwest of Berliner Chaussee on the same day. Small groups of soldiers were engaged in reconditioning the training area south of the barracks installation southeast of Berliner Chaussee. Others were engaged in maintenance work at the installation.² 25X1 25X1
1. Comment. [redacted] probably [redacted] the exchange of personnel of units of the 25th Tank Div stationed in Prenzlau. Although the arrival of recruits from the U.S.S.R. had terminated on about 6 November, there is a possibility that recruits may have arrived later, coming either from the replacement center of 4th Gds Mecz Army or from the division in Granienburg. 25X1

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2. Comment. The present report indicates no changes in the occupation of the barracks installation southeast and northwest of Berliner Chaussee since the previous report in late October 1952. Lieutenant Colonel Kusmin (fnu) probably is supply officer of the 83d Gds Hv Tank SP Regt of the 25th Tank Div. Lieutenant Colonel Didenko (fnu) was reported for the first time; he possibly is an administrative officer superior to Kusmin or commanding officer of the regiment.

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